

A New Catechism For Baptist Children

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Preface

This short catechism was first written at the occasion of my niece's second birthday, and is meant for the instruction of children from five to seven years old. It is based on the basic structure of Benjamin Keech's classic Baptist catechism with some of the more advanced topics omitted. The fifty two questions can be taught throughout the fifty two weeks of the year, or at a faster pace if your case calls for it. Supplemental definitions, and scripture proofs have also been provided to help parents tailor their teaching to where their child is in understanding.

I send this out with prayers that God will use His word to instruct many of His children in the ways of righteousness. Do be diligent to guard what He has delivered to your care.

Matthew 18:1-5

“At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said,

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.”

The Catechism

Question 1: Who is the greatest being?

Answer: God is the greatest being.

(Psalm 8:1; 97:9; “a being – something that is real”)

Question 2: Who made us?

Answer: God made us.

(Genesis 1:27; Psalms 139:14)

Question 3: Why did God make us?

Answer: God made us to glorify Him, and to enjoy Him forever.

(1 Cor. 10:31; Psalm 73:25-26; “glorify – to say good things about someone, praise”)

Question 3: What is the Bible?

Answer: The Bible is God’s words to us.

(Proverbs 22:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16)

Question 4: Can God tell a lie?

Answer: No, God always tells the truth.
(Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2)

Question 5: What is God?

Answer: God is the first, and greatest Spirit.
(John 4:24; Isaiah 44:6)

Question 6: Was there anything before God?

Answer: No, only God was before everything else.
(Colossians 1:17; Psalms 90:1-2)

Question 7: How strong is God?

Answer: God is so strong, He can do anything.
(Luke 1:37; Psalms 62:11)

Question 8: How smart is God?

Answer: God is so smart, God knows everything.
(Romans 11:33-34; Proverbs 3:19-20)

Question 9: How much does God love you?

Answer: God loves me so much, He gave His life for me.

(John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

Question 10: Are there more Gods than one?

Answer: No, there is only one God.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10)

Question 11: How many persons are in the Godhead?

Answer: Three; the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God.

(1 John 5:7; Matthew 28:19; “holy – different from everything else”)

Question 12: Who were the first people God made?

Answer: The first people were Adam, and his wife Eve.

(Genesis 2)

Question 13: What did God give Adam, and Eve?

Answer: God gave Adam, and Eve a garden to live in and eat from.

(Genesis 2:15-16)

Question 14: What did God tell Adam, and Eve?

Answer: God told Adam, and Eve to keep His garden, and not eat from one of His trees.

(Genesis 2:15-17)

Question 15: Did Adam, and Eve obey God?

Answer: No, Adam and Eve ate from the one tree they were told not to.

(Genesis 3:6)

Question 16: What do we call it when someone disobeys God?

Answer: Sin.

(1 John 3:4)

Question 17: What did God say they deserved for their sin?

Answer: God said they deserved to die.

(Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:19)

Question 18: What did God promise Adam, and Eve?

Answer: God promised Adam, and Eve a savior.

(Genesis 3:14-15; 21; “savior – someone to help us in trouble”)

Question 19: Have we also sinned against God?

Answer: Yes. Everyone, but Jesus has sinned against God.

(see question 36; Romans 3:10; Romans 5:12)

Question 20: How have we sinned against God?

Answer: By disobeying His ten commandments.
(Exodus 20)

Question 21: What is the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment is, “Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.”

(Exodus 20:3; “thou – you”; “shalt – shall, or will”)

Question 22: What is the second commandment?

Answer: The second commandment is, “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

(Exodus 20:4-6; “thee – you”; “graven image – statue of a false god”)

Question 23: What is the third commandment?

Answer: The third commandment is, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

(Exodus 20:7; “take – use”; “vain – empty, or cheap”)

Question 24: What is the fourth commandment?

Answer: The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”

(Exodus 20:8-11; “sabbath – day of worship”)

Question 25: What is the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment is, “Honor thy father and thy mother.”

(Exodus 20:12; “Honor – love, and obey”)

Question 26: What is the sixth commandment?

Answer: The sixth commandment is, “Thou shalt not kill.”

(Exodus 20:13)

Question 27: What is the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment is, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

(Exodus 20:14; “adultery – getting between a married couple”)

Question 28: What is the eighth commandment?

Answer: The eighth commandment is, “Thou shalt not steal.”

(Exodus 20:15)

Question 29: What is the ninth commandment?

Answer: The ninth commandment is, “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

(Exodus 20:16; “bear false witness – tell a lie”)

Question 30: What is the tenth commandment?

Answer: The tenth commandment is, “Thou shalt not covet.”

(Exodus 20:17; “covet – hate someone for having what you want”)

Question 31: What do the first four commandments teach?

Answer: That we ought to love God.

(Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-38)

Question 32: What do the last six commandments teach?

Answer: That we ought to love each other.

(Matthew 22:39-40)

Question 33: Do you need a savior?

Answer: Yes, because I have sinned.

(1 John 1:8-10)

Question 34: Who is Jesus?

Answer: Jesus is the savior God promised to give us.

(John 1:17-18; Hebrews 1:1-3)

Question 35: How did God the Father send Jesus?

Answer: By making Him into a baby, the son of the virgin Mary.

(Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:30-35)

Question 36: Did Jesus ever sin?

Answer: No, Jesus is perfect, and never sinned.

(Luke 23:47, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Question 37: What did Jesus do to save us?

Answer: Jesus took our punishment for us, and died on the cross.

(Isaiah 53:4-6; Galatians 3:13-14)

Question 38: What happened three days after Jesus died?

Answer: Three days after Jesus died, He arose from the dead!

(Matthew 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Question 39: How many people saw Jesus after He had risen?

Answer: Jesus was seen by over five hundred people after He was risen.

(1 Corinthians 15:5-8)

Question 40: Where is Jesus now?

Answer: Jesus is in Heaven!

(John 20:17, Mark 16:19; “heaven – up, where God the Father is”)

Question 41: Will Jesus come back to earth again?

Answer: Yes, Jesus will come back at the end of the world!

(Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 19:11-16)

Question 42: What is the only thing we need to do to be forgiven of our sin?

Answer: The only thing we need to do to be forgiven, is have faith in Jesus, and ask Him to forgive us.
(John 3:16; Romans 4:5)

Question 43: What is faith?

Answer: Faith means simple trust that God will keep His promises.
(Hebrews 11:1; 17-19)

Question 44: Can someone who Jesus has forgiven ever be lost again?

Answer: No, because the Holy Spirit holds them.
(Ephesians 1:13-14; John 14:16-17)

Question 45: What is a Church?

Answer: A Church is a group of people who worship God together.
(Colossians 3:15-17; “worship – glorify”)

Question 46: Is everyone who goes to a Church saved?

Answer: No, but Jesus wants them to be saved.

(Romans 9:1-5; Luke 13:34; “saved - forgiven”)

Question 47: What are the two signs Jesus gave us?

Answer: Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.

(Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Question 48: Who can receive these signs?

Answer: Only believers.

(Acts 8:36-37; 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

Question 49: What is Baptism?

Answer: Baptism is a holy washing. It shows us what God’s forgiveness is like.

(Titus 3:4-6)

Question 50: What is the Lord’s Supper?

Answer: It is a holy meal of bread, and wine. It shows us that Jesus died for us.

(1 Corinthians 11:27-29; “wine - grape juice”)

Question 51: Where do people who don't believe in Jesus go after they die?

Answer: People who don't believe in Jesus go into punishment for their sins forever after they die.
(Revelation 20:12-15)

Question 52: Where do people who believe in Jesus go after they die?

Answer: People who believe in Jesus go into paradise with God forever after they die!
(Revelation 21:6-7)

May God bless you, and keep you in His Love, Amen.

